SUBJECT No. 139.

Sanskrit to be made one of the second languages for the Lower Secondary Examination.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Mysore University.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao represented that Sanskrit might be made a second language instead of an optional subject for the Lower Secondary Examination. If Kannada was also compulsory, then there would be the difficulty of studying the three languages; hence Sanskrit might be substituted for Kannada.

The Inspector-General of Education pointed out that Sanskrit was only an optional subject. A boy who took up the subject need not read any other subject. Kannada was compulsory.

The Second Member of Council remarked that the object of making Kannada compulsory was to encourage the vernacular.

The Dewan replied that if Sanskrit was made compulsory, boys might leave off Kannada, which being the national language must be read.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Teaching of science subjects in vernacular in the High School classes.

Messrs. A. Ananthiah, C. Subba Rao and P. Venkappiah, Shimoga Taluk.

Mr. A. Ananthaiya said that the question of teaching science subjects in vernacular in high school classes was discussed long ago and it was said that there was not enough funds for the purpose. He suggested that, at least, a suitable allotment might be made for the purpose of translating science books into Kannada.

The Dewan replied that there was practical difficulty as all books were only in English.

SUBJECT No. 141.

Rural science classes.

Mr. H. G. Basavappa, Shimoga District Board.

Mr. H. G. Basavappa represented, that as all the boys could not be expected to study for higher examinations and learn other professions, a taste for agriculture should be created in boys and arrangements made for imparting lessons in agriculture in all rural schools.

The Dewan replied that in primary schools nature study was prescribed. Regular agricultural lessons would be taught in middle schools.

SUBJECT No. 142.

Faculties for technical courses in the Mysore University.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao, Kolar Taluk.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao requested that faculties for technical courses may be instituted in the Mysore University.

The Dewan referred the member to his opening Address.

SUBJECT No. 143.

Removal of restrictions prohibiting the students of Anglo-Vernacular schools from appearing for the Mysore Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination.

Messrs. Sunkada Raghanna, Molakalmuru Taluk; P. Srinivasa Setty, Nanjangud Municipality, and V. Bandaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. Sunkada Raghanna said that the rule that the students of the Anglo-Vernacular schools should not sit for the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination caused inconvenience to many students.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry said that according to the revised rules published in the Gazette, it was compulsory to the students of the Anglo-Vernacular schools to study English also, if they are to sit for the Lower Secondary Examination. The case of boys who read Kannada only was not taken into consideration. He considered it necessary that the Kannada Lower Secondary Examination should be arranged to be held in future also to give facility to students that did not read English.